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TAGS: ASEAN, MY

SUBJECT: ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS: FIVE MAJOR PROJECTS

1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE REVIEWING THE AUGUST 1 MEETING OF ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD COMPLETED THEIR MEETING IN 90 MINUTES WITH FULL AGREEMENT ON ALL TABLED PROPOSALS. THE MEETING HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO LAST TWO DAYS.

2. RITHAUDDEEN SAID; "AS FAR AS MALAYSIA IS CONCERNED, WE WILL BE GOING

AHEAD WITH THE UREA PROJECT. INDONESIA HAS NOT GIVEN ANY INDICATION THAT IT IS GIVING UP ITS PROJECT. THAILAND'S FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. UPADIT PANCHARIYANGKUN THIS MORNING GAVE AN INTERVIEW ON THE SODA ASH PROJECT AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THAILAND WOULD ABANDON IT." HE DID NOT MENTION THE SINGAPORE AND PHILIPPINE PROJECTS.

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3. COMMENT: RITHAUDDEEN'S INSISTENCE THAT MALAYSIA IS DETERMINED TO GO AHEAD WITH ITS UREA PROJECT APPEARS TO BE A CASE OF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS SUPERCEDING SERIOUS ECONOMIC OBJECTIONS. AS WE REPORTED EARLIER, MALAYSIA STILL DOES NOT HAVE THE RESULTS OF ITS FEASIBILITY STUDY. NEVERTHELESS, THE POSITION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH, FOR THE MOMENT, APPEARS TO HAVE PREVAILED WITHIN THE GOM, IS THAT THE PROJECT WILL GO FORWARD AND THAT THE

ECONOMISTS CAN WORRY ABOUT THE DETAILS.

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